

RUTLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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The Society Opens Its Museum



The society's recently acquired museum when it was a barn complete with cupola. This picture shows the west side of the building in late 1880's. The woman, Mrs. Bela (Hannah Wheeler) Dexter, is feeding her chickens at 11 Court Square.

Official Ceremony Set for August 20

After long preparations, the Rutland Historical Society will officially open its museum at 101 Center Street on August 20. U. S. Senator Robert T. Stafford, from Rutland, will unveil the building's marble sign at outdoor ceremonies and will then lead the invited guests in a tour of the exhibits. Because of space limitations inside the museum, admission to the ceremonies is by invitation only to the members and special guests of the society and to city, town and state officials. An agenda appears on page two of the *Newsletter*.

**GENERAL PUBLIC INVITED
TO TOUR MUSEUM ON WEEKENDS
AFTER AUGUST 20**

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SOCIETY

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Membership in the Society is open to all regardless of age or place of residence. Dues may be mailed to the Society at 101 Center St., or to the treasurer, N. Lamar, McKinley Lane, Rutland.

Individual dues are \$2.00 yearly.

Dues are payable in October but new members may enroll at any time after June 30 and dues will not be payable again until October 1973.

SENATOR

ROBERT STAFFORD

will be an honored guest at the museum opening. The following is an excerpt from his official biography: Republican of Rutland, Vt., born in Rutland Aug. 8, 1913; L.L.B. in 1938 from Boston University Law School; Governor 1959-61; elected to Congress Nov. 8, 1960; appointed to U.S. Senate Sept. 16, 1971, Elected January 1972.

Museum Ceremonies

Sunday, August 20, 1972

3:30 p. m.

Invocation

Rev. Patrick T. Hannon

Introduction of the Mayor

James Davidson

Presentation of the Building

Mayor Wm. Foley

Introduction of Senator Stafford

Frederic P. Elwert



Unveiling Ceremony

Sen. Robert Stafford

Invitation to Tour the Museum

Arch Todd

Benediction

Clifford Young

ADMISSION BY INVITATION ONLY

The Rutland Historical Society is a non-profit corporation chartered by the State of Vermont to preserve and spread the history of the town of Rutland as chartered in 1761. This embraces not only the present town of Rutland but the towns of Proctor and West Rutland and the city of Rutland. The Society is financed by a grant from the city of Rutland and by donations and dues.

Nov. 18, 1824

The Bank of Rutland is chartered by the State of Vermont, being the fourth bank to be chartered in the state.

Jan. 1825

The Bank of Rutland is incorporated with a capital of one hundred thousand dollars, divided into two thousand shares of fifty dollars each.

Feb. 12, 1825

The subscribers call a meeting to elect five directors. These subscribers are: Chauncy Langdon, Joseph Burr, James D. Butler, Moses Strong, Henry Hodges, Robert Temple.

The Bank of Rutland: A Chronology



"The Old Rutland Bank" building about 1900. Notice that the cupola pictured on page one has been replaced by a dome and the roof has been raised, but on the sides of the building only.

Feb. 15, 1825

Subscriptions are reported closed. Shares subscribed—six thousand and sixty-nine, equal to a capital of half a million dollars.

March 3, 1825

The stockholders appoint five directors: Robert Temple, Joseph Burr, Moses Strong, Nathaniel M. Fullerton and Francis Slason.

March 22, 1825

The directors announce Robert Temple as president and William Page as cashier of the bank.

April 10, 1825

Last day for proposals concerning the building of the bank. The directors are now going to award contracts.

June, 1825

The building seems to be completed and ready for occupancy. The directors receive the deed to the building and the land on which it is built.

EDITORS' NOTES

In keeping with its role as a vehicle for communication within the society, the *Newsletter* welcomes contributions, suggestions and inquiries in regard to future issues. The fall *Newsletter* will present the report of the Nominating Committee headed by Sheriff J. Fred Carbine and notice of the annual meeting in October. At this meeting a full slate of officers to serve for a one year term and three directors to serve a two year term must be elected.



AMERICAN
REVOLUTION
BICENTENNIAL
1776-1976

As one of its activities related to the 1976 bicentennial celebration, the Smithsonian Institute is conducting the *Bicentennial Inventory of American Paintings Executed before 1914*. The Institute is soliciting information particularly from local historical societies in order to computerize a central index of paintings held in public and private collections throughout the U.S. Members having knowledge of the location of paintings done prior to 1914 are urged to contact the Society's officers or the National Collection of Fine Arts, Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D. C. 20560.

AASLH ANNUAL MEETING

The American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) will hold its annual meeting in Providence, September 19-22. The meeting will include informative work sessions as well as visits to Rhode Island's historical and architectural treasures. The Rutland Historical Society is a member of the national sponsoring organization; local members are therefore encouraged to participate in the September program. Mr. John F. von Daacke, chairman of the AASLH program committee, was a recent consultant to the Rutland Historical Society.

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